



North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

June 30, 2014

Mr. Bruce Young
Deputy Public Works Director
City of Eureka
531 K Street
Eureka, CA 95501-1146

Dear Mr. Young:

Subject: Report of Waste Discharge for Land Application of Biosolids

File: Eureka, City of, Elk River WWTP
NPDES Permit No. CA0022756, WDID No. 1A82151OHUM

On March 25, 2013, the City of Eureka submitted a report of waste discharge (ROWD) for land application of municipal biosolids from the City's Elk River Wastewater Treatment Plant on two City-owned parcels of land that are collectively known as Parcel M. As described in the ROWD, the biosolids application area is approximately 80 acres, 76 acres of which has been identified by the US Army Corps of Engineers as likely jurisdictional wetlands. The City currently leases Parcel M to a private entity for use as pasture for livestock grazing and hay production.

Regional Water Board staff has reviewed the ROWD and determined that review of proposed discharge is within the jurisdiction of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) because the project, if allowable, would require a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and would implement federal biosolids regulations (40 CFR Part 503) that the State of California is not currently authorized to implement. Regional Water Board staff recommends that you coordinate with U.S. EPA staff on this issue.

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If you have any questions, you may contact me at (707) 576-2752 or by email at Charles.Reed@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

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